

## MCARTHUR ENQUIRER

J. W. BOWEN, Editor and Publisher.

McARTHUR, OHIO, MAY 28, 1873.

Ohio Valley Editorial Union.

The sixth annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Editorial Union will be held in Circleville, on Thursday and Friday, June 12th and 13th, 1873.

A full attendance of the members of the press is desired, in order that the meeting may be more pleasant and profitable.

WALTER C. HOOD, Pres't.  
W. S. McCOLLISTER, Sec'y.

GALLUP, McARTHUR & CO.  
LUMBER RAILROAD.

Last week we published a letter from President Langley relating to the construction of the Gallipoli, McArthur & Columbus Railroad, in which he spoke of the decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, on the unconstitutionality of the Boesel Railroad Law. This decision has somewhat surprised the people most interested in not only this but many other railroad enterprises. There is now no way for the people to do but take the matter in their own hands and push it through. It will not do to manifest a want of energy or determination at this time. The question now arises, where can the necessary capital, required to complete the enterprise, be procured? It is hardly necessary for us to say to the people of Vinton county and in McArthur in particular, that there is no county or town in the State so much in want of railroad facilities—a north and south route in particular—as the people of McArthur and Vinton county. There is not the amount of business and wealth in the place there should be; and, until we have more railroad conveniences, the business and value of the place will be only of a meagre and limited quality. With our present deficiency in railroad convenience, wealth and business is driven away; and hence we drag along in the old stage-coach style. We must not flatter ourselves too much on the very few improvements we have made during the past twenty-three years. Other places, with less advantages of population and wealth, have long since grown far away from us because of their railroad accommodations. We should not let this opportunity pass without making a united effort to raise, in some manner, the means necessary to secure the completion of the road to this place at least. Who will make a move the matter?

Since writing the above a communication has been received from "A Citizen," which will be found elsewhere in this paper, to which we call the especial attention of everybody.

It seems that the "Litenen Kalkulator" has reached the City of Columbus, where the Constitutional Convention is in session. Whether he has presented a copy of a new Constitution for the consideration of the Convention, we are not advised, but we have heard from him in a different manner. He must be there—we mean our "Kalkulator" Wells from Jackson county. The following paragraph from the Convention proceedings given in last Friday's Columbus Daily Dispatch will explain itself:

Mr. Alexander, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted a report stating that the credentials of all the members are correct, and they are entitled to their seats; that the seat of Mr. Wells of Vinton, is contested, and appoint the 28th inst. as the time in which the Committee will take testimony in that case.

As we have before stated, the election is being contested by a citizen of Mr. Wells' own county—Jackson.

Prospect in Ohio.

The people of Ohio are tired of Radical rule and greatly displeased with the Grand Salary Steal Law enacted by the late Radical Congress.

With anything like judicious management and the selection of Gen. Thomas Ewing for Governor, and of other proper candidates at the Convention to be held next August, there can scarcely be room for a doubt that the Democratic and Liberal Republican Ticket will be elected by a handsome majority; that the revolution in the State will surpass that which culminated at the recent election of Connecticut.

A Morning paper is of the opinion that nothing was too low for the Forty-second Congress. This is a mistake, for their salary was too low; so the members raised it, by lowering themselves.

## LIGHT IS DAWNING.

Though the prevalence of public corruption is sometimes disheartening, yet the signs of better times coming are plain enough to cheer the hearts of all good men. We will note some:

1 It is the practice of some lawyers (deserving themselves to be called criminals) to foist into juries one or two supply tools, so as to compel a disagreement. Recently, in Philadelphia, in the trial of a keeper of a gambling saloon, two jurors tried to prevent a verdict. The remaining ten kept the jury together eleven days until they compelled their dishonest associates to a conviction. Some day we may have a law which will go sharply after the lawyers who follow the practice of packing the jury-box.

2 The farmers of Illinois have taken in hand the tyranny of railroad corporations. In a large delegate convention, they have called on the Legislature to abolish the discrimination made against local freights; to inquire whether some of the railroad corporations have not forfeited their charters, and to provide for the execution of the laws affecting the companies. This is, we think, only the beginning of a popular uprising against the domineering spirit of all corporations. It is the beginning, too, of the assertion of the just powers of the State. The State is the creator of corporations, and their master. It grants each franchise, and can revoke it again. Moreover, the State confers the franchise as a public benefit; but if, in the hands of a corporation, it becomes a public injury, the State can enter and take possession. Still further, every corporation has duties to the community, and the State is bound to see that these are properly performed. The farmers, who are the majority in every State, are the very men to bring to an issue the question of insubordination of railway corporations to the law.

3 We have reformed New York city, and the obstructionists who are trying to make our charter partisan, are, inch by inch, giving way. Reform will not be defeated. Public opinion is too strong even for dishonest legislation.

4 The Congressmen who filched the Treasury of "back pay" already "have their reward." They are followed to their homes by a storm of indignation, which must be the reverse of comfortable for them. The list of members who voted for this piece of dishonesty has been spread before the world. They may affect to despise public opinion; but public opinion can express itself in votes, as they will find.

Altogether, these gleams of light are enough to inspire hope. We shall not die, but live.—There is much corruption, but the heart of the people is sound.

A TERRIFIC tornado or whirlwind, accompanied with hail and rain, passed over the country, about six miles north of Washington, Iowa, on Thursday afternoon last. The tornado was about one-half mile in width, and tore into fragments everything that came in its course. Houses, barns, fences, trees, cattle, and human beings were caught up and whirled through the air like toys, and then dashed to the ground with such violence as to produce instant death to animate beings. Houses and barns were torn to fragments and scattered for miles around. The fields are dotted with large timbers driven into the ground at an angle of ninety degrees, and cattle were actually driven head-first most into the ground. Eight persons are thus far reported killed.

## The Boesel Railroad Law Unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court of Ohio, on Tuesday, May 13, 1873, declared the law known as the Boesel Railroad law, unconstitutional in its provisions.—Chief Justice White delivering the opinion of the Court, the entire bench concurring, in the case of JAMES TAYLOR vs. Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio. The decision being unanimous of course puts this matter at rest. Elk township will be disappointed by this adverse decision, and her \$25,000 bonds, now deposited with the Treasurer of State will be cancelled. The Constitutional Convention, now in session, will be looked to for some provision in the matter of the people taxing themselves for public improvement.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the above case is as follows:

1. Taxation can only be authorized for public purposes. Where, therefore, a statute authorizes a county, township or municipality, to levy taxes not above a given per cent. on the taxable property of the locality for the purpose of building so much of a railroad as can be built for that amount, and the part of a railroad so built can be of no public utility unless used to accomplish an unconstitutional purpose, such tax is illegal and cannot be imposed.

Sec. 6. Art. 8 of the Constitution declares, that "the General Assembly shall never authorize any county, city, town or township, by vote of its citizens or otherwise, to become a stockholder in any joint stock company, corporation or association whatever, or to raise money for, or loan its credit to, or in aid of, any such company, corporation or association."

What the General Assembly is thus prohibited from doing directly, it has no right to do indirectly.

3. Where public credit or money is furnished by any of the sub-divisions of the State named, to be used in part construction of a work, which under the statute authorizing its construction, must be completed, if completed at all, by other parties out of their own means, who are to own or have the beneficial control and management of the work when completed, the public money or credit thus used, can only be regarded as furnished for, or in aid of, such parties.

4. The act of April 22, 1872, to authorize counties, townships and the municipalities therein named to build railroads, &c., (69 O. L. 84) authorizes the raising of money by taxation, which is equally applicable to the unlawful purpose of aiding railroad companies, and others engaged in building and operating railroads, as it is to any lawful purpose, and gives to the officers intrusted with the control and application of the money thus raised, no means or power of discrimination as to the lawfulness or unlawfulness of the work or purpose to which it is to be applied, and is thus in contravention of Sec. 6, Art. 8 of the Constitution, and, therefore, void.

THE PHENOLOGICAL JOURNAL for May is an excellent number; containing many particularly interesting features, viz. The portraits and Life Sketches of twelve Editors of leading Religious Newspapers—such as the Observer, Christian Union, Evangelist, Christian Intelligencer, Liberal Christian, Church State, Baptist Union, Christian Advocate, N. J. Messenger, Jewish Chronicle, etc.; Human Knowledge Past and Present; Mouths we meet and their Meanings—illustrated; Does Sorrow Kill?—a pathetic story; Jas. Blake of Indianapolis, portrait and Character; Justice Ward Hunt; Building with Rough Stone; Does the Human race Degenerate in America? The Gulf Stream; Curiosities of Suicide, etc. The number merits general approbation; let everybody read it. Price 30 cents; three months on trial, 50 cents; a year's subscription, \$3. S. R. Wells, Publisher, New York.

SCHOOL LEVY.—The School Law enacted on the 1st inst., allows all Boards of Education to make a levy of seven mills on the dollar valuation, which will be beneficial to several townships in this county.

## Proceedings of the Vinton County S. S. Union Convention.

Editor ENQUIRER: Please publish the following synopsis of the minutes of the S. S. Convention held at Hamden, on the 9th and 10th inst.:

The weather was very inclement, and the roads most unpromisingly bad; owing to this fact we anticipated a failure. But what was our surprise on reaching Hamden, on the evening of the 9th, to find Bros. Nichols, Swain, Clayton, Pirmlee, Dr. Teters and a number of other veteran soldiers of the S. S. army on the ground looking as cheerful as though they had not seen and for a month.

We attended the night session, which was well attended by the friends at Hamden. We took the seats—chair occupied by Brother Clayton, appointed secretary pro tem.

After the usual opening exercises, the topic, "The Model Superintendent," was first taken up; we regret that space will not permit us to allude to the many pertinent and practical remarks from the numerous speeches made. Next the topic "Model Teacher" was presented by Rev. Parmlee who was followed by several members in short, spicy speeches. The question elicited some earnest discussion respecting the proper qualification of the teacher. Capt. Witherspoon, a non-professor, but a thoroughly live S. S. man, took strong grounds in favor of calisthenics as a means of securing the element in our S. S. work. He became so earnestly engaged in the subject, that he was called down by a motion to adjourn; which was carried.

At 8 1/2 a. m., we were all in place, and after opening exercises, the following committees were appointed, to report by noon:

On Resolutions: Messrs. J. N. Nichols, Dr. S. C. Teters, Captain J. S. Witherspoon.

On motion, the topic of last evening was again taken up, to allow the Capt. to finish his speech, which was interrupted last evening, by a motion to adjourn.

The question box was next opened and a number of important practical questions, such as most often perplex our S. S. teachers were read and discussed.

Next followed the discussion of the question, "Shall our S. S. adopt the international uniform series of lessons?" It was ably opened up by Capt. Witherspoon, on the affirmative, and Mr. Clayton, on the negative. They were followed by several others, every one of whom favored the adoption of the series of lessons.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, resulting as follows: President; J. S. Hahn, Secretary; H. W. Coulter; Treasurer; H. H. Swain; Corresponding Secretary; J. S. Hahn.

Executive Committee—Robert Thompson, B. S. Barnhill, Dr. S. C. Teters, R. M. Steele, Dr. Gordin, J. S. Witherspoon.

Delegate to State Convention—J. S. Hahn; Alternate—Dr. J. C. Teters.

The following were elected Vice-Presidents of their respective townships to wit:

Wm. Walker, Wm. Vest, H. H. Swain, W. S. Crow, Charles W. Taylor, Robt. Thompson, Clark M. Pierson, M. Steele. The other township having no representatives, no Vice-Presidents were elected, but will be supplied by President appointing.

Next came reports from the schools represented, ten in number; most of the reports were quite encouraging, especially those of the Hamden Furnace and Lout Grove Schools. The former reported an enrollment of one hundred and twenty scholars, an average attendance of 90; No. of volumes in library 500; No. semi-monthly papers taken, 100, out of debt and money in the Treasury. The latter almost up to this; it is the school that took the banner last fall. We would publish all the reports if space would admit.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

RESOLVED, That each School in the County be requested to raise one dollar, and forward to the secretary, as a fund for defraying the expenses of the association, and to pay the traveling expenses of delegates to the State Convention.

Committee on resolutions reported the following:

RESOLVED, That this Convention earnestly solicit the co-operation of the S. S. to aid in organizing, sustaining and making more efficient, the S. S. of this County.

RESOLVED, That the Vinton Record and McArthur Enquirer, are requested to publish the proceedings of this convention.

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of the members of this Convention be tendered the kind people of Hamden for their hospitality to members and delegates in attendance. To this should have been added one of hearty thanks to Miss Payne, who was faithfully present to enlighten and sweeten our labor with the melody of song.

We closed with a children's meeting, which was feebly and ably addressed by Mr. Long, of Jackson, who came in near the close of the Convention to infuse a new enthusiasm.

We shall long remember this Convention, and shall never forget the kindness of the citizens of Hamden; both the Jackson and Fox Houses opened their doors to the delegates.

We had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of the latter, and can freely recommend it as a pleasant and every way desirable place to stop.

The time and place of next meeting was left with the Executive Committee, also, the grand union picnic to be held sometime during the summer or fall, was left for them to arrange.

Letschools get ready and all the S. S. army rally at that time, and present a front that shall put to flight the armies of the evil one.

H. H. SWAIN, Pres't.  
J. S. HURN, Sec'y.

## GRANT'S STABLE FIXTURES.

A correspondent has been writing up Grant's stable "fixtures." They are pretty nice. Here is a little list:

Two horses	\$2,000
Three trotting horses	3,000
Two ordinary horses	300
One barouche	1,200
One dog cart	1,000
One phaeton	150
One trotting wagon	350
Harness, saddles, clothing, 1,050	
Total	\$9,950

Passing by the dog-cart, the harness, "bright, massively golden and gorgeous," the barouche, the light "wagon for speed in trotting," we came to the cap-sheaf of all this oriental magnificence. "But still more conspicuous as they approach you," says the correspondent, "are the driver and his companion, Jet isn't a circumstance to the blackness of their faces; while their costumes are white corollary and white flannel, trimmed with silver, with white top boots as nearly as you can make out, and the contrast between their costume and glossy hats and faces is marked and distinct as that of daylight and darkness. The taller holds the reins, but he is equal to the emergency, and so far as the unpractised white eye can determine, there is not a ripple on his Nubian face. The shorter seems entirely for ornament, and sits with his arms folded across his chest—a black and white monument to wealth and social greatness."

There you have the President of our republic at his best. Under ordinary circumstances the cap-sheaf of a gentleman's stable could nowise legitimately concern a newspaper; but it may be different in Grant's case. Grant is a salaried government official. Dog carts and fancy negro drivers, and footmen, and golden harness, cost money. A little while ago, one of the Grant organs contained a plaint that the President spent yearly ten thousand dollars more than his salary. Then, as he went into the office poorer than a church mouse, he must have obtained precisely sums outside of his legitimate income to enable him to live like an Eastern nabob. Is there any proper way whereby he could have realized such sums? If he has made himself immensely rich in three years, by means unbecoming his office, is he a fit man for President? Can any Grant organ or organ, or any sane Republican citizen answer these questions satisfactorily? Questions similar to these have been asked time and again, but are yet to be answered.

The late elections indicate that the Liberal "heaven" is working. And this is owing to the greed and corruption of men in place and power, practically demonstrated by the last Congress. If the people had been as thoroughly convinced during the late Presidential canvass, as they now are, of the rottenness of the leaders they trusted in, the Democrats and Liberals would have swept the country. Tweed's circumscribed rascalities pale before the barefaced law makers who sell their votes and tax the people for the benefit of rings and monopolies, to swell their private gains. The farmers who feed and clothe all, and are the basis of the wealth and prosperity of the country, have had a very small voice in its government. They are now organizing from one end of the land to the other. And this is the power that will save the Republic. They may be called Liberals or Democrats; it matters not; they are determined that the existing evils must be remedied, and those now in power removed. Revolutions of this kind never go backward. This is an "irrepressible conflict."

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are on file for inspection at the Auditor's Office. All bidders for contract or contracts are required to deposit with their proposals in double the amount of such bid or bids, in good and responsible surety or sureties, to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, for the faithful completion of such work.

The surety or sureties, however, reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Commissioners,

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